BIRD CALENDAR, 1930 – 26th YEAR

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The second wave of bird migration has not gotten into full swing as yet, (May 1), however we may expect a great rush of migrants during the first two weeks of this month.

It is very noticeable from the Bird Calendar that there has been a decrease yearly in the number of birds of prey, Eagles, Hawks and Owls observed.

"Among all birds there are none more fascinating for the bird student or more certain to arouse the interest and admiration of those who know them than the birds of prey. Their graceful build and beautiful plumage, in spite of the absence of bright colors, their wonderful eyesight and powers of flight, and the activity and courage which so many members of their group possess, make them remarkable, not only among birds, but among all living creatures."

The diminishing in numbers of these birds is due to the persistent persecution by man, urged by propaganda by sportsmen and gun ammunition manufacturers. Quoting from an editorial in "The Auk" for April 1930:

"Do not the lovers of birds and the farmers have any rights in the matter?"

Read Mr. Quinn's "Training of the Birds of Prey" which may be obtained from Davis Quinn, 3548 Tryon Avenue, Bronx, New York City, which will give the facts in the case.

Write your Congressmen and Senators asking them to support the "Bald Eagle Protection Act" and prevent the extermination of the American Eagle.

Mr. E.C. Hoffman gives this interesting bit of news concerning the Starling.

"Through the courtesy of Dr. Eugene Walker, superintendent of Lakeside Hospital of the University Hospitals of Cleveland, more than a hundred European starlings, which during the past winter had established a roost in the ventilating tower of the Hospital buildings, have been marked with numbered bands. This work was done under the direction of the United States Biological Survey, Washington, D.C., for the purpose of determining the migratory habits of this species, preparatory to its control. It is becoming apparent that sooner or later the number of the starlings, particularly in the winter roosts, must be decreased. In England, where records show this bird as common in certain localities for several hundred years at least, it is still increasing. (Wescote, T. "A View of Devonshire in 1630" – "British Birds" Nov. 1920, p. 143.) According to recent articles in the "British Birds" magazine, the winter roosts in England in several instances have numbered half a million Birds.

"The maximum number at the Hospital roost the past winter, 1929-1930, was estimated at 2100, decreasing to 27 on March 29. At this date, those remaining will probably become summer residents in the vicinity of the Hospital.

"Of about 6500 starlings banded during the past three years near Columbus, Ohio, by Edward S. Thomas and the Wheaton Club, nearly all the reports were from points almost due northeast if in the late spring, summer and early fall, and almost due northeast if in the winter. Mr. Thomas says they showed a considerable increase last summer over preceding summers. They are increasing rapidly in Lakewood. The writer was assisted in banding the starlings at Lakeside Hospital by Dr. John A. Brady of Lakewood.

"Starlings banded in Ohio have been shot or found dead in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ontario, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and Mississippi."

84. American Bittern; April 20, 1930, Aurora Pond; April 26, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
85. Bald Eagle; April 1, 1930, Put-in-Bay, Dr. Visscher.
66. Baldpate; April 2, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
67. Barn Swallow; April 20, Aurora Pond and Auburn, W.H. Watterson, April 28, Warrensville Center Road, University Heights, C.M. Finfrock.
68. Black-crowned Night Heron; April 5, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
69. Black Duck; April 1, 1930; Put-in-Bay, Dr. Visscher; April 20, Aurora Pond, W.H. Watterson.
70. Blue Winged Teal; April 1, 1930; Richmond, Cleveland Bird Club; April 20, Aurora Pond, C.M. Finfrock.
71. Bonaparte's Gull; April 5, 1930; Gordon Park, W.H. Watterson; Mr. Watterson comments as follows: "Hundreds of Bonaparte's Gulls on April 23rd. In spite of what the books say, more than half of the Gulls had the black hoods of summer."
72. Brown Thrasher; April 19, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 26, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey; April 26, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson.
73. Bufflehead Duck; April 2, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
74. Catbird; April 20, 1930, Aurora Pond, W.H. Watterson.
75. Chimney Swift; April 20, 1930, Northfield, D.E. Johnson; April 30, Shaker Lakes, D.W. Watterson.
76. Chipping Sparrow; April 13, 1930, North Royalton, W.H. Watterson; April 26, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey.
77. Cooper's Hawk; March 9, 1930, Bainbridge, Geauga County, W.H. Watterson; April 3, Corby, Ohio, C.M. Finfrock.
78. Field Sparrow; April 5, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 6, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey; April 12, Mentor Headlands, Cleveland Bird Club.
79. Flicker; April 1, 1930, Put-in-Bay, Dr. Visscher; April 13, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey; April 19, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock.
80. Gadwall; April 13, 1930, Hinckley Lake, W.H. Watterson.
81. Great Blue Heron; April 27, 1930, Wellington, Ohio, C.M. Shipman.
82. Great Scaup Duck; March 29, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
83. Greenwinged Teal; April 12, 1930, Mentor Marsh, Richmond, Ohio, W.H. Watterson.
84. Hermit Thrush; March 29, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 19, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, C.M. Finfrock; April 13, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey; April 20, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson; April 20, Miss Schofield; April 27, Kathryn Perry, Perry, Ohio.
85. Hooded Merganser; March 30, 1930, Auburn, Geauga County, Ohio, W.H. Watterson.
86. Horned Grebe; April 13, 1930, Hinckley Lake, W.H. Watterson.

87. House Wren; April 26, 1930, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson; April 29, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, C.M. Finfrock.
88. Kingfisher; March 29, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 1, Put-in-Bay, Dr. Visscher; April 5, Ira, Ohio, D.E. Johnson; April 12, Richmond, Cleveland Bird Club.
89. Lesser Yellow Legs; April 30, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
90. Little Green Heron; April 13, 1930, Corner of Silsby and Bellflower Roads, Gene Headline; April 30, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
91. Louisiana Water Thrush; April 3, 1930, Corby, Ohio, C.M. Finfrock; April 11, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson; April 19, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock; April 20, Aurora Pond and Auburn, W.H. Watterson.
92. Morning Dove; March 22, 1930, Boston Heights, W.H. Watterson; March 30, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 5, Ira, Ohio, D.E. Johnson; April 19, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock.
93. Myrtle Warbler; April 13, 1930, Corby, Ohio, C.M. Finfrock; April 13, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 19, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock.
94. Northern Water Thrush; April 19, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
95. Pectoral Sandpiper; April 2, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
96. Pied Billed Grebe; April 6, 1930, Punderson Lake, W.H. Watterson; April 12, Mentor Headlands, Cleveland Bird Club.
97. Purple Martin; April 6, 1930, Fairmount Blvd. and Green Road, W.H. Watterson.
98. Red-Head Duck; April 12, 1930, Mentor Headlands, Cleveland Bird Club; April 12, Mentor Marsh, W.H. Watterson.
99. Red-headed Woodpecker; April 26, 1930, Lake View Cemetery, Dean Bailey.
100. Red Tailed Hawk; March 9, 1930, Auburn, Geauga County, W.H. Watterson.
101. Ruddy Duck; April 13, Hinckley Lake, Aurora Pond, W.H. Watterson; April 19, Shaker Lakes, C.M. Finfrock.
102. Rusty Blackbird; March 30, 1930, Auburn, Geauga County, W.H. Watterson; April 1, Put-in-Bay, Dr. Visscher.
103. Solitary Sandpiper; April 27, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
104. Spotted Sandpiper; April 19, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
105. Swamp Sparrow; April 6, 1930, Auburn, Ohio, W.H. Watterson; April 19, Shaker Lakes, C.M. Finfrock.
106. Turkey Vulture; March 25, 1930, Boston Heights, W.H. Watterson; April 11, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson.
107. Upland Plover; April 12, 1930, Mentor, C.M. Shipman; April 27, Auburn, W.H. Watterson.
108. Veery; April 12, 1930, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, C.M. Finfrock.
109. Vesper Sparrow; April 6, 1930, Auburn, Ohio, W.H. Watterson; April 11, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 12, Mentor, Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland Bird Club.
110. White-crowned Sparrow; April 19, 1930, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock.
111. White-throated Sparrow; April 18, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 19, Lake View Cemetery, C.M. Finfrock; April 27, Perry, Ohio, Kathryn Perry.

112. Wilson Snipe; April 6, 1930, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson; April 27, Wellington, Ohio, C.M. Shipman. Mr. Shipman also comments: "Most wonderful sight was a great flock of Jack or maybe Wilson snipe wheeling and turning over a field. Never saw such skilled flight and sounded like the roar of the sea when near."
113. Woodcock; April 11, 1930, Boston Mill, three birds. "We saw the woodcock do his sky dance at this time." D.E. Johnson. April 12, Mentor Headlands, Cleveland Bird Club; April 20, Aurora Pond and Auburn, W.H. Watterson.
114. Wood Duck; April 13, 1930, Aurora Pond, W.H. Watterson.
115. Wood Thrush; April 20, 1930, Boston Mill, D.E. Johnson; April 30, Shaker Lakes, W.H. Watterson.
116. Yellow Warbler; April 20, 1930, Aurora Pond, W.H. Watterson.